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MEMORANDUM FOR: General George S. Brown, USAF  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Press Release by General William Evans  
re Warsaw Pact Air Forces

1. I recently noted in the press that General Evans, CINCUSAFE, stated that the Warsaw Pact tactical air forces outnumbered his by 2.5 to 1. I want to let you know that in my briefings to the Congress this week I've given data which avers that we have an equality of tactical air forces in Central Europe rather than a disparity of 2 to 1.

2. I believe I understand how General Evans got these calculations, however, the basic facts as I understand them are:

a. NATO tactical aircraft in continental Europe  
less France -- 2280

b. NATO aircraft in Europe, including UK and  
France -- 3860

c. Warsaw Pact aircraft in Central Europe -- 3800

d. Warsaw Pact aircraft in Central Europe <sup>plus</sup> ~~less~~ three  
military districts in Western Europe -- 4940.

3. If you take the first figure and the last, there is a ratio of 2 to 1, but it seems to me the two middle figures are the comparable ones. That is, NATO is entitled to consider its aircraft in France

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and Great Britain; the Warsaw Pact is entitled to consider those in the Western Military District. In fact, I would believe the figure comparable to that which includes the Western Military District of the Warsaw Pact would be that which includes CONUS reinforcement of Europe.

4. Wanted to let you know that someone might detect this difference, though no one did specifically at these hearings.

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BY JAMES FOLEY

BRUSSELS, JAN 24, REUTER - THE HEAD OF NATO'S AIR FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, U.S. GENERAL WILLIAM EVANS, SAID TODAY HIS UNITS WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO STOP A SOVIET AIR ATTACK.

HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE PILOTS OF HIS COMMAND (ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE) WERE OUTNUMBERED BY 2.5 TO ONE BY WARSAW PACT AIR UNITS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EAST-WEST LINE.

EVEN WITH REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN, THE RATIO WOULD STILL BE THREE TO TWO IN FAVOR OF THE RUSSIANS AND THEIR EAST EUROPEAN ALLIES, GENERAL EVANS SAID.

THE GENERAL DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS OF NUMBERS BUT OTHER ALLIANCE SOURCES SAID THAT THE WARSAW PACT HAVE SOME 4,300 AIRCRAFT IN THE CENTRAL REGION WHILE THE SIX NATO AIR FORCES MAKING UP GENERAL EVANS'S COMMAND HAVE ABOUT 1,750.

"THE WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES HAVE CHANGED FROM A DEFENSIVE ROLE TO AN OFFENSIVE ROLE," SAID GENERAL EVANS, EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION NOW PLANS TO USE LARGE NUMBERS OF MOBILE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES; G)NN PRIMARY DEFENSE AGAINST RAIDING ALLIED WARPLANES.

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THE GENERAL SAID THE WARSAW PACT, WITH A WIDE RANGE OF SOPHISTICATED NEW AIRCRAFT, WOULD FLY LOW-LEVEL ATTACKS INTO WESTERN EUROPE IN THE EVENT OF ANY EAST-WEST WAR.

HE SAID HE FELT STRONGLY THAT THE ALLIANCE SHOULD ADOPT A FLEET OF FLYING EARLY WARNING STATIONS -- MODIFIED BOEING 707S EQUIPPED WITH "LOOK-DOWN" RADAR WHICH COULD PEER DEEP INTO EASTERN EUROPE -- TO DETECT THE START OF ANY WARSAW PACT AIR ATTACK.

THE ALLIES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE PLANES FOR YEARS WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO AGREE ON HOW TO SHARE THE 1.9 BILLION DOLLAR COST. GENERAL EVANS SAID THEY WOULD DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF WARNING TIME AVAILABLE TO NATO OF ANY SOVIET AIR ATTACK.

"ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAVE NOW," THE GENERAL SAID.

HIS COMMAND WAS CREATED IN 1974 TO COMBINE TWO NATO INTERNATIONAL AIR FORCES INTO A SINGLE FIGHTING UNIT CAPABLE OF STOPPING ANY SOVIET INCURSION INTO WESTERN EUROPE.2

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GENERAL EVANS SAID THE WARSAW PACT WAS CONTINUALLY MODERNIZING ITS AIR FORCES AND ITS NEW AIRCRAFT HAD SEVEN TIMES THE RANGE OF 1950S PLANES.

THE NEW SOVIET AIRCRAFT NOW COULD ATTACK ALLIED AIR BASES IN BRITAIN FROM EASTERN EUROPE, THE GENERAL SAID. "THE SURVIVABILITY OF OUR BASES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS GONE DOWN," HE ADDED.

THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES WOULD QUICKLY KNOCK OUT NATO'S AIR BASES AT THE START OF A WAR; PREVENTING GENERAL EVANS'S PILOTS FROM GETTING INTO THE AIR -- OR, ONCE IN THE AIR, FROM FINDING A PLACE TO LAND.

GENERAL EVANS SAID THE ALLIANCE WAS DEVELOPING PLANS TO DISPERSE AIRCRAFT BEFORE AND DURING A WAR, TO LESSEN THE CHANCES OF THE SOVIET UNION CRIPPLING NATO AIR BASES.

ABOUT 50 AIRFIELDS WERE INVOLVED AND THE ALLIES WERE STORING FUEL, AMMUNITION AND OTHER NECESSITIES TO MAINTAIN MODERN AIRCRAFT THERE AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, THE GENERAL SAID.2

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**Remarks:**

I would like you to get each member of the Intelligence Community of the NFIB to submit suggestions for accomplishments this past year and failures in their particular area. In short, if NSA wants to blow its horn, would they use some example I didn't. I don't want this draft to go out to all the NFIB people. However, I want to keep it within the IC Staff. Also, I don't want a bunch of slides for all these things that just list a lot of titles on them.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIO/Strategic Programs

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

I'd like to sign a personal letter to Congressman Beard giving  
him the answers to those two missile tests that we discussed with  
him in the hearings the other day.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Career Management Staff/DDO

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

Do you happen to have an average age of retirement for  
supergrades and GS-15s in the DDO?



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NOTE FOR:

FROM: DCI

The IISS meeting this year is going to be on the 7th of September in Oxford. I'd like to leave the option open of attending; a wild possibility would be to make the southern Far Eastern trip

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plus Oxford in late August or early September.

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